

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing a public comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

Merging media outlets has resulted and will concentrate even more the breadth of news and information available to citizens. In fact it is already so bad, that one has to listen to or subscribe to international news to get a full sense of what is happening in the world.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

The Commission should consider hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of such drastic decisions.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Borchardt